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THE COMING OF THE GREAT GUEST

While the cobbler mused there passed his pane
A beggar drenched by the driving rain.
He called him in from the stormy street,
And gave him shoes for his bruised feet.
The beggar went on. There came a crone,
Her face with wrinkles of sorrow sown;
A bundle of fagots bowed her back,
And she was spent with the wrench and rack.
He gave her his loaf and steadied her load,
And she took her way on the weary road.
Then to his door came a little child,
Lost and afraid in the world so wild—
In the big dark world. Catching it up,
He gave it milk in the waiting cup,
And led it home to its mother's arms,
Out of reach of the world's alarms.
The day went down in the crimson west,
And with it the hope of the blessed Guest,
And Conrad sighed as the world turned gray:
"Why is it, Lord, that your feet delay?
Did you forget that this was the day?"

Then soft in silence a voice he heard:
"Lift up your heart, for I kept my word.
Three times I came to your friendly door;
Three times my shadow was on your floor;
I was the beggar with bruised feet;
I was the woman you gave to eat;
I was the child on the homeless street."

—[Edwin Markham.

EDITORIAL.

THE IMPOSSIBLE MADE POSSIBLE.

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23. Golden Text for Sunday, December 1.

There is life in belief. There is death in unbelief. Life and belief are in some way inseparably connected. So are belief and reality. You certainly must believe that a thing, or a condition, can be before you will be instrumental in making it be. The discovery of America was an unheard of impossibility until Columbus came forward with a belief that the thing could be done. It was an impossible task till belief made it possible. The ocean today would have no cable across it unless a Field had believed that this impossible task could be done. Air ships were impossible until the Wright brothers came forward with the belief that the air was navigable. Belief ever and always blazes the way for effort and endeavor.

Now it was on this fact of human nature, and upon this psychological truth, that Jesus the Christ based His life and love and labor. His power was not only abundant, but infinite. The method of appreciation of that power was through belief. Unbelief barred the door to Him, and kept Him from a man's heart and life. There was no way of communicating with His power, that is, the divine power, to a man save by and through the channel of belief. A man is just himself and nothing more as long as he refuses to believe in the power of Christ to help him. When he believes in Christ then an avenue of approach is made from him to Christ. Belief is the channel.

In the lesson, Christ had the power in Himself to help the lunatic boy, and cast the evil spirit out, as much before there was belief on the part of the man as afterwards; but He could not convey it, until there was belief in Him.

There is sufficient power in Christ to day to wipe out every sin in the human heart, destroy every evil inclination, and abolish all evil weakness and infirmities; and Christ would do this very thing if all men everywhere would believe in Him, and in His power to do this.

"I was just born with a quick temper an d can't control it," says one. And you never will control it until you believe that Jesus Christ can and will control it for you, if you will only let Him.

We haven't the power to wipe out any of our sins, passions, evil inclinations, weaknesses, destructive spirits, but Jesus has the power to do these things for us; and He will do it if we only believe in Him. Belief is the channel through which blessings flow from the Master to us; and the reason why we do not get more power and more blessings from Him is because we haven't a stronger belief, a deeper and more abiding faith in Him.

How shall a man have belief, have faith, a saving belief, a power bringing faith? Well, the man in the lesson tells, "I believe; help thou mine unbelief." when our belief is not stronger enough, we have ever before us One who can help us, and will, if we in fear, and in what faith we have, call upon Him.

CHILDREN AND PARENTS.

That must be the proper order now, children first, parents next. In the light of changed conditions The Louisville Courier-Journal remarks:

"Children don't be too strict with your parents."

Is it not about time now to change the commandment, so much revered in ancient times, and make it read, "Parents obey your children. . . . which is right, that your days may be long upon the earth. . . . . ."

Parents used to select schools for their children, and then send them to those schools. This is all out of date now. The child selects the school and then makes the parents send him there.

Parents used to select the nature and manner of work for their children and then make them pursue it. This is out of date. The child decides what he will do, and does it.

This may be in keeping with our progressive time, but it is a terrible strain on the fifth commandment and Eph. 6:1.

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES.

To the great majority of diligent Sunday school teachers, and many careful Sunday school pupils as well, "Peloubet's Select notes on the International Lesson has come to be a household word and a familiar friend. Peloubet's has appeared annually now for thirty nine years, and easily ranks amongst the great Sunday school commentaries of the world In these thirty nine years nearly two million copies have been sold, and the passing years show an increasing, instead of a decreasing, demand for the book. This is saying much, when it is remembered that it is the oldest publication of its kind and scores of competitors have risen and fallen by the way side during the period of its publication.

The volume for the year 1913 is now before us, and from the examination we have been able to give the book, it fully measures up to the high standard set and reached by its predecessors.

The lessons for all of next year with the exception of specials, are in the Old Testament, Genesis to Joshua, from the creation to the settlement in Canaan. The notes are copious in Peloubet's, the timely suggestions and quotations are exceedingly striking, and the illustrations are very fine. The binding is up to the usual standard of durability and attractiveness, and withal the book is worth all of and more than the publishers price Dev. F. N. Peloubet, D. D. and Rev. Amos R. Wells, L. L. D., editors and authors, the W. A. Wilds Co. Boston being the publishers. The book sells for $1.00 net and may be secured either of the publishers or of The Christian Sun, Elon College N. C. If as many as five of the books are ordered of us to be sent to any school we will pay the express. If a single copy is ordered of us, add 10 cts. for postage If ordered of the publishers full postage or express, will have to be paid by the puchaser

PASTOR RUSSELL.

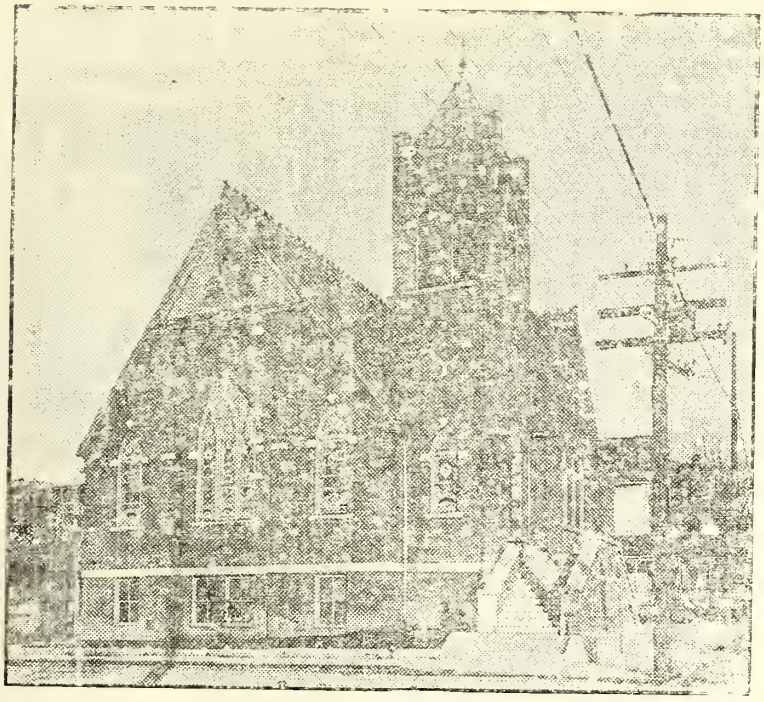
Although "Pastor" Russell has been shown up as a fraud, and a man with dangerous and unscriptural doctrine, many papers still carry his "sermons" and thousands read what he has to say. It takes a religious fraud a long time to be fully found out and uprooted.

The esteemed Greensboro News of Nov. 25 very pertinently remarkes:

"Pastor Russell has abolished hell and doesn't believe in the resurrection of the body—either of Christ or anybody else—and yet a number of our exchanges continue to print his adroitly syndicated stuff. It sometimes comes so well disguised that it must be carefully read to be detected. No political candidate ever had a finer or more talented corps of publicity men than has Pastor Russell." Let a man once get control of the "syndictated stuff," and have good press agents, and the mischief he can do before he is stopped is something fearful.

We differ from The News in one particular, Pastor Russell has not abolished hell (we wish he had): there is yet too much of a pressing need for that uninviting realm to abolish it. And besides, it is beyond the power and the reach of man to abolish hell, or it would long have been abolished.

A Jewish rabbi in Richmond, Va., Dr. E. N. Calisch, receives an $8,000 salary. Perhaps this is the largest minister's salary in the South.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH GREENSBORO.

The above view gives a glimpse of the host of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference last week. In 1889 this Conference sent Rev. L. I. Cox to Greensboro to see what could be done in organizing and building a church at this place. Early in the year 1900 Bro. Cox organized a church with 22 charter members, and at the Conference of 1900 the church was admitted to membership. It was from the beginning a wide awake, loyal and active band of workers. Bro. Cox served till 1902 as pastor and fathered the building of the edifice shown above. Following Bro. Cox, Rev. L. F. Johnson was called to the pastorate of the church for full time. Successor to Bro. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Bolton of Ohio served for two years as pastor. Following Bro. Bolton, Rev. L. E. Smith served as pastor till in September when he left for a course of study in Princeton University. Rev. H. E. Rountree the present pastor was called to succeed him and began work here the first Sunday in November. The good people of this wide awake church laid themselves out in their entertainment of Conference last week. Conference was never taken care of better nor more satisfactorily. Everything for convenience and comfort that could well be thought of was done, and done cheerfully.

This church seems to us to have a great future. The membership is loyal; the building is ample, convenient, comfortable, and the people learn to love and trust their pastor. Already their hearts are being knit to Bro. Rountree who seems at home and happy in his great work.

From a mission church this came quickly to be a self-supporting body and now ranks amongst the most ready and liberal and large hearted of all our congregations. In Bro. Rountree they have a leader whom they will love and trust, and the great work so well done here by his predecessors will fare well in his hands. Dr. Staley writes fittingly of the Conference and important matter crowds out what we had intended to say.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Carnegie and Ex-Presidents.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie through his immense fund, set aside for benevolent, patriotic and philanthropic purposes, proposes to give ex-Presidents of the United States, and their widows during widowhood, a pension of $25,000. a year each.

Of course, as the decision is announced a storm of protest arises. Wherefore we want to remark that our capitalists who become generous certainly do have a hard time giving away their money. Every time one of them decides on a great benevolence a whole gang of croakers cry out. When Rockefeller in particular made his great gift to help fight the hook worm disease in the South we feared they would actually do violence to the Deacon.

If Mr. Carnegie wants to pension ex-Presidents and their widows why not let him do it. The aggrieved claim that the United States Government is able to pension and to take care of its own ex-presidents and their widows. The fact is, however, that the United States Government has not so far taken any steps in this direction and the ex-Presidents and their widows have to do like other folks, and get along as best they may.

Now, ex-Presidents should maintain a certain sort of dignity. They should be able to give the benefit of their talent, time, and experience to the general good of government and citizenship without being obliged to work for their daily bread. They have a knowledge of affairs and a vital touch with governmental matters that should be valuable, if employed for the common good. Besides, a man who has carried the burden of this nation for four or eight years in the White House deserves treatment and care above the average. He has earned a rest and a competence. If the Government he has served will not give him this, then let Mr. Carnegie or any other philanthropist who has the means and desires it do so. It is a pity that a man cannot give away his money in peace, without being howled at by the critics and croakers. It would be a caution to see what some of these critics would do with their money—if they had any, which they are not likely to have by the way, to share—

Progress of Negroes.

A recent writer in the Christian Recorder gives some interesting facts, obtained principally from the census report, about the progress of the Negro race since 1860. In these fifty-two years the race has increased in population from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000. They have property valued at $600,000,000. About 1,000,000 farms are in control of negroes and they own about 200,000 of these farms. Inadequate census figures show 343,000 negroes who own their own homes. They have 135 private high schools of their own, 30,000 teachers, 82 banks; 500 news papers and periodicals. They have 1,500 lawyers, 2,100 physicians, several thousand ministers; they have 149 wholesale houses; 9,098 retail merchants, and 1,186 manufactories, and 2,000,000 children in school.

Of course thousands are thriftless, indolent, penniless and ignorant yet; and many will continue so for time to come. But these census figures indicate a marked and commendable growth, and show that the colored citizen is getting a firm foot hold as property owner and educator in the United States.

—Rev. W. C. Brown, of Raeford, has received a call to the pastorate of Alamance Presbyterian Church near Greensboro.

ELON COLLEGE LETTER.

The churches of the the Christian church have all now had their annual Conferences and are entering upon a new year of service. Oftentimes we wait until the spring of the year to begin aggressive work for the Lord. We have had a hard pull to get ready for Conference and we desire to rest a little. That is our weakness. The King's business requires diligence, not slothfulness, and a woe is pronounced upon those who are at ease in Zion. A Christian ought never to let any rest period, any period of inactivity come into his life, because such periods beget an inertia that is hard to overcome. Our most successful pastors are those who have realized this and so begin at the first appointment of the new year to enter aggressively upon tasks before them.

These pastors do not return to their churches declaring that "Conference has asked us for more next year than last and I hardly think we can do it." They make the announcement, of course, but express faith in the church's ability to do it and emphasize the joy it will yield all to do it. They do not flatter a few loyal ones by declaring that they do their part and, if all would do likewise, everything could be raised and more. But they get busy to see that everybody does his part.

One such pastor has the happy way of sending a circular letter to each member of each of his country congregations, enclosing him twelve envelopes for his monthly offerings and among other words of encouragement and trust and love adds in his letter for 1913 the following telling phrases: "Let us as pastor and people strive to do our best for Christ and His Kingdom this Conference year. Will not you, my dear member, endeavor to be present at each regular appointment, Saturdays and Sundays, if not providentially hindered, and do your best to make each service just what God would have it be? Some of us in the past, probably, have not done our best for God and His church. We have robbed God of the time and means which He has given us. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. . . . . .Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that theer shall not be room enough to receive it."

"Can God depend upon *you?* I trust so. Let each one dedicate himself to the Lord, and to the work of His church, and do his whole duty, according to the talent, which God has given you, and accordingly as the Lord has prospered you."

This minister never fails to bring up all his churches as banner churches and each year there is a copious ingathering of those who have been saved. The churches that raise their Conference apportionments and pay their preacher and are liberal to the Lord's work are the churches that are growing in membership. And it must ever be so.

Brother patsor, you may not see fit to use the method of the good Shepherd of the flock mentioned above—it might not be best in your field,—it might not be best for you, but you should adopt some plan and get the same good results which this brother achieves or your ministry will fail of its highest attainment. We laymen are not stingy; we are not unwilling to do our duty; we have done it many times during our church's history, and we will do it ever, but we must be led, and you pastors are our leaders. we are sheep. You are our shepherds, and, as Dr. Staley says, it is your duty to shear us, and we will enjoy the shearing and the Kingdom will prosper by reason of it. Can the church depend on you? I believe it can. I know it will, and it is with you to say whether the coming year is to mark an advance in our churches.

I herewith record my hope, my belief, that the ministers of all our Conferences are this year to render their best year's service in leading us laymen to do our duty. I have attended all the Conferences but one and I have heard from that one, and I think I have seen evidences of a new determination, under God, to make 1913 the best year yet of all in our inspiring history. Brethren of the ministry, we both are ready, under your leadership, to make it so. We challenge you. Will you lead us? So mote it be. Amen.

W. A. Harper.

WHY THE CHANGE?

By Rev. D. E. Millard.

During the earthly ministry of our Lord the Sacred Record informs us that great multitudes followed Him from place to place "And the common people heard him gladly." They did so, notwithstanding the powerful and bitter influence that was arraigned against him. Those who became His followers were mainly of this class. They stood for what was best in humanity. And when the Great Teacher came, whose words passed beneath the cold forms of religion and revealed its deeper principles and life, their quick untaught perceptions beheld, and their hungry and suffering hearts felt, that He was their friend, their helper, and they "heard Him gladly."

Has it not been so always in the past? Why, then, should it not be so now? It must be confessed that the attitude of the common people toward religion, in these later days, has changed. This is apparent from the few men in attendance at church services, the many vacant pews in the large city churches, and the dropping out entirely of so many country churches. Truly it is an important question for us to consider why this is so.

Have the great multitudes so changed that their religious impulses are less generous and responsive to the gospel now, than when Christ taught? Or has something else, something other than the real life and teachings of Christ come to animate religious organizations, and the nominal church. So that the opposition, when analyzed, is not so much to religion, as to that which has usurped its place, and is quite different in its spirit from the teachings of its Divine Founder. It must be admitted that in far too many churches in this "progressive" age more deference is paid to social distinction than to downright religious earnestness.

In Christ's time the multitudes were impressed with the profound sincerity, the downright honesty, and the heavenly-mindedness of Jesus Christ. They saw in Him the highest and best exhibition of the truth of the Gospel. And so the multitude heard Him gladly. Let the same spirit possess the hearts of all Christians as it does of some to-day; let it permeate the whole church; let it be breathed from every pulpit and exhaled from every life of every one who has named himself a follower of Christ, and much of the opposition, and a large share of the indifference to religion that prevails in the world, will vanish—nay, will give way to earnest faith and hearty acceptance of Christian truth. . . .with this spirit more fully possessed by the church and dwelling in the hearts of of those who hold forth the word of life, a mighty change would be wrought. Let Christ thus preach through His people and the multitude will hear Him gladly still.

—Sidna Allen, the notorious outlaw, who has been on trial for the murder of Judge Thornton Massie at Hillsville, Va., March 14, was convicted of murder in the second degree and given 15 years in the State's prison. Immediately the prosecution announced that the prisoner would next be tried for the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney William M.

Foster, and the trial was set for December 2.

CONSHOHOCKEN LETTER.

Congregations at the Gulph Church last Sunday were unusually large and interesting. The forenoon service was possibly the sweetest we have yet had. There were three convrsions at the evening service and one addition to church membership. These services, as formerly announced, have been intended to be largely preparatory to the union revival meetings to begin at the Gulph Church this evening. There have been six conversions thus far and conviction seems to be settling on the community. For the next four weeks you may think of us as being in revival services with three other pastors representing the Missionary Baptist, Freewill Baptist and Holiness churches. The most friendly feeling and kindly cooperation exists between these ministers and churches. Strife and contention have no place in the family of God. "Love thinketh no evil." When Christ prayed that His disciples might be one, even as He and the Father were one, He gave a reason, namely: "That the world may believe that thou hast sent me." If we are right with God we are right also with our brother. "He that loveth God loveth his brother also"; "We know that we have passed from death unto his life because we love the brethren;" "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love one for another"; "As I have loved you so ought ye to love one another." A brother recently said in a testimony service that, "There is no power in a temprance pledge to keep a man from strong drink and make him a sober man, but there is in the blood of Jesus Christ." How true that is. It is true because the blood remedy changes character. Saul of Tarsus and Paul the Christian are different characters altogether but only because they are different products. Saul was the natural and logical product of the age, his environments and parentage, while Paul the Christian was the product of the Spirit of God, a life within the gospel has power to make of Saul a Paul.

Murdock W. Butler.

P. S. Will the Editor please answer for us the following questions:

(1) Does an election to the office of deacon constitute one a deacon before ordination, and (1) where a deacon elect refuses to be ordained should he serve in the capacity?

Answer. (1). No. (2). No.—(Editor Sun.)

RALEIGH LETTER.

Dear Friends: We have reached the seven thousand five hundred ($7,500.00) dollar mark on subscriptions for our Raleigh church. This represents three-fourths the amounts asked for on improvements. We feel very grateful to our friends for the assistance they have thus far given. Now for the end of the race. It will take two thousand five hundred (2 500.00) dollars. Will you be one to help on this amount? We do not see how you can refuse to help a worthy cause like this. Raleigh is an important point to us as a denomination. The church here is growing. The outlook is very hopeful. We made the best record during the past year ever made in the history of the church. We do not mention this matter in any boastful spirit for we have not done any more than what we should have done. I speak of this that you may know the litle church is thoroughly alive and will appreciate any help that you may be able to give her at this time. As pastor of the church I will personally appreciate any thing you may do for this good people in the worthy cause they represent. A word about the building in progress. The main auditorium will be forty by sixty with twenty feet of galary space. The Sunday school building will contain an auditorium thirty by fifty and seven large class rooms. The basement under the main building will contain a large reception room twenty by thirty, and three other rooms, ten by ten each. There will be three towers, two to main building, and one to Sunday school building. The workmanship will be the best to be had in the city.

Please forward your offering to Crarles H. Stephenson, Wilmington, St. Raleigh, N. C. Or to L. F. Johnson, Edenton, St. Raleigh, N. C.

L. F. Johnson, Pastor.

NORFOLK LETTER.

As the icy winds of winter begin to blow across the land then it is that the poor, especially in the large cities, are made to realize the extreme bitterness of their condition. Then it is that the terrible contrast between the indigent and the well-to-do manifest itself most strikingly. And nowhere, probably, is poverty more cruel, more galling, more humiliating, than in the city in winter time.

Here in Norfolk, although so far, the weather has been relatively mild, we are already beginning to hear the calls for assistance coming from those who may be reckoned among the "stranded" ones along the shores of society. At Third Church yesterday there stole into our Sunday school, unshaven and illy-groomed an individual giving his residence in Kentucky, representing himself as "broke" and out of employment and in distress. He was referred to the proper charitable organization of the city for assistance. Several times of late I have been asked upon the street for money to get food, fuel or shelter.

"The poor we have with us always" doubtless, and yet what or how to do with them is becoming an increasingly difficult question.

Almost every person in need will assign some plausible excuse for their condition and never will any of them frankly confess that they alone are responsible there for. But, that this is true in some cases, yes many cases is undeniable.

There is in our land still a large number of ne'er do-wells, thriftless, wanton, prodigal of money when they have it who sooner or later fall upon evil times when they are compelled to seek the aid of those who have been more thoughtful and provident. But always they say eitheer that they find nothing to do, or that their health has failed, or that society has given them no chance. What can be done with such persons as these?

Then, and this class is found especially in our cities, there are those who live by their wits, trusting to fake schemes, shady proposition or mayhap the card table to keep going. Sooner or later these also find their schemes play out and are left "broke." Their efforts to sustain themselves are sometimes almost desperate, for they are not competent in any way, so far as skill or useful knowledg to earn an honest living. They "bluff" their way along as far as possible, and often wind up by suddenly leaving for "other parts" where the are less well-known, where they begin their old games and tricks anew. None bities these.

Then there are the worthy poor, the widows, orphans, and physically helpless ones, who are meritorious objects of assistance. When the snows drift, the bleak, pitiless winds howl and hellow under the eaves and you gather beside a cheerful fire, or around a board bountifully spread with the good things of life, remember these and let your heart go out to them.

Henry Spencer Booth.

In Utah there are approximately three hundred towns; and of these two hundred and nineteen have only such religious services as are supplied by the Mormons.

The Tri-State Baptist Hospital (Tennessee-Arkansas-Mississippi) at Memphis has been filled from the very beginning. It has been in use only three months and has had 335 operations.

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—Rev. E. M. Carter changes his address from Chipley, Ga., to Elon College, N. C.

—Dr. W. H. Denison, Memorial Temple, Norfolk, Va., has been elected Superintendent of Teacher Training Department of the Virginia State S. S. Association.

—"Without church literature the church would perish" declared Dr. Tagg of The Methodist Protestant, Baltimore; still very many interested in the church after a manner do little or nothing for the spread of church literature.

—We could not help it that several obituaries and much other important matter has been crowded out the past few weeks. About Conference times matter is always more abundant and some is delayed. We are putting in all we can.

—The following telegram was received by Pastor H. E. Rountree, Greensboro, just after our Conference adjourned, but we are sure its contents and the spirit thereof are appreciated nevertheless: "Burlington, N. C., November 22, to Christian Conference assembled in Greensboro, N. C., Greetings. Let brotherly love continue (Heb. 3:1).

North Carolina M. P. Conference,
Geo. T. Curry, Secty. pro tem."

SUFFOLK LETTER.

The North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference held in Greensboro, N. C., November 19-21, 1912, in its eighty-seventh session, was, no doubt, the best session in its long history. Institutions vitalized by the spirit of Christ are never decadent, but grow younger as they lengthen out their life into centuries. Pagan institutions decay—;Christendom lives and grows.

Rev. J. W Hott was re-elected Pdesident, and Professor W. P. Lawrence secretary.

The local churches were well represented by delegates, reports, and cash for various conferences calls. The Ministers were attentive, earnest, and well prepared with reports and enthusiastic in discussion. There was not a dull moment in the long and numerous sessions. The interest not only held in Conference but in visitors during the three sessions during the day.

There is only one old man in Conference among the ministers —Rev. James W. Wellons—who is the same age of the Conference. He will be eighty-seven on next New-year's day, and takes as much interest in the work of the Conference as the youngest member. His presence is an inspiration and his words are wise. His reminiscent words in the fellowship meeting at the close of the Conference were touching and historic. "I have seen seven thousand penitents come to the altar. I have gone into the stream in baptism with thousands. I have received thousands into the church. I have buried, I know not how many. I joined the Conference fifty eight years ago. I love the work and Ilove the brethren." Then he said: "I went a few years ago to old Barrett's church in Va. where I formerly served when a little boy. I went to the grave of my mother near by. She taught me to pray and led me to Jesus. I thank God for a good mother. The friends of my childhood are gone. The members and laymen of the Conference when I became a member are all gone. It will not be long till I go over Jordan to be with them and my precious Saviour. I am ready. God bless you."

Such a message falls like rain upon the mown grass, like dew upon the opening flower.

There was sometimes during the Conference sharp discussion. but at no time acrimonious debate. The fellowship meeting with bro.her Wellon's sweet words was the spiritual barometer of the whole meeting.

The speaking features of the session were President Holt's opening address on "The Mission of the Church"; President Harper's address on "Religion and Education"; Dr. Atkinson's address on "The Church Paper"; and addresses of Rev P. T.Klapp and Mrs. W. H. Denison, of Norfolk,on "Foreign Missions." There were many other good addresses but I cannot name all of them in this lettter.

In the midst of all of those good things was a series of three lectures by Prof. W. P. Lawrence on "The Cardinal Principles of the Christian Church." His analysis and fair dealings with others in these papers commend them to the honest seek- display, color painting, or rhetorical deception, but a straightforward and discriminating tracing of history and Biblical interpretation,. The Christian Church will come into her own some day by such statement of the Principles and such illustrations of them as this Conference revealed. More and more the Christian Church is entering the cities and thousands already stand on her platform in personal convictions but have not, as yet, the courage of these convictions. Old associations,affiliations, and personal interests hold them back; but such feelings and thoughts grow and time will make the conviction so strong that the pent up feelings will become actions.

I think the keyword to the main purposes of this conference for the future is "Missions," and the body provided for three addresses on missions by Dr. Harper at the next session to be held at Lebanon.

It was a great personal pleasure to me to attend this conference again. By this Conference I was licensed, ordained, and led into the ministry. I met many old schoolmates and pupils who were once under my instruction. I met two who were converted in my early ministry. Some said: "You received me into the church and baptized me."

The reward of early friendships, the eye to eye meeting of many who had read the "Suffolk Letter,"the privilege to preach to my mother conference and old friends, added a new joy to service and the hope of reward.

I was entertained in the hospitable home of A. A. Chandler and wife on Guilford Avenue. Brother Chandler is a Baptist and his wife is a Christian.and they represent the true religion of fraternal denominations.

Pastor H. E. Rountree and wife and First Church and their friends combined attention and hospitably to the pleasure of ministers, delegates, and visitors.

W. W. Staley.

NEWS AND VIEWS.

The short and final session of the present Congress will assemble Monday, Dec. 2. Very little legislation is looked for at this session, as the country at large has changed the features of the present body considerably.

—The Sultan of Turkey has asked the King of Italy to use his good offices in bringing about more conciliatory attitude on the part of Montenegro and Servia to Turkey. The Balkins are bringing the "unspeakables" to their sense at any rate.

—Post Master General Hitchcock says that political campaign literature sent

through the mail this this year has caused a deficit in postal receipts of at least $81,781,000. which would have been a profit of more than $1,000,000, but for the unlimited franking privileges of officials at Washington. "Political dope" causes the deficit, it is declared and the people must pay. During the year the Government handled 310,245,000 pieces of franked matter weighing 61,371,000 pounds.

The Federal Council.

The second quadrennial council of the Protestant churches of America; thirty-two denominations, with a membership of over 17,000,000, is to convene in Chicago, December 4-10, 1912. This Council plans large things, and is seeking for a more thorough understanding of the position of each denomination and a closer sympathy and cooperation of all the churches of Protestantism. The following stanza has been adopted as the battle cry of the Council:

"Like a mighty army moves the Church of God.
Brothers, we are traveling where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

We do not see how words could be chosen that are more appropriate than these. We trust the Council will accomplish all that it has undertaken in the way of breaking down the barriers between the different sects and hasten the day of delightful fellowship when there will be a united Church to fight a united foe.

War in the East.

It is no mock war the Balkan States are waging against Turkey. Both racial and religious hatred are involved and aroused to the depths, and the soldiers on both sides are fighting with a fierceness terrible to contemplate. The unspeakable Turk is in Europe by dint of rapine and pillage and plunder, and has maintained himself there only by virtue of the diplomacy of the Powers who are envious of each other. The Montenegrins touched off the fuse that caused the present explosion and the Balkan States have sprung at the throat of Turkey like beast upon hated and hunted prey. A missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church writing recently from Sofia gives this vivid picture which he says obtains throughout Bulgaria—

"Commerce has almost completely stopped. Out on the streets nearly four fiifths of the stores have been closed. Proprietors and clerks have been drafted into service. The tramways have ceased running because of the lack of motormen and conductors. Requisition on nearly all horses and wagons of every description has already been made. A cab is, therefore, hardly to be seen . . . . Traveling is stopped. No passenger trains are being run. They are all used for carrying troops to the front. Groceries and provisions have risen to extraordinary prices. None are coming into the city to supply its needs. Whether we will have a food famine I cannot say. The villagers are all coming into the city with their village wagons and horses and oxen and buffaloes to the barracks which are serving as recruiting stations. They themselves are to be the soldiers and their wagons, etc., are in requisition. Martial law is proclaimed and each bakery has a soldier standing guard over the flour within that has been brought into requisition. When we purchase a loaf of bread we do so at the order of the soldier."

Unconfirmed reports are that the Turks are meeting reverses on all sides, and at Adrianople, in a fierce battle recently 30,000 Turkish troops were taken prisoners. All reports are closely censured, however, and it is difficult to tell how matters go along the firing line. It will take weeks to learn definitely and authoritatively.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

The last Conference is now over, the 87th annual session of the N. C. and Va. held in Greensboro last week closing the series for 1912. The writer attended all except the Ga. and Ala., and was prohibited from attending that one because it conflicted with another. The N. C. and Va. Conference was happily cared for by our First Christian church of Greensboro and took high ground looking to aggressive work for all departments of church activity. In Home Missions a right move, it is felt, was that which placed the proposed church of Reidsville, N. C., in the hands of the Conference Christian Missionary Association. This will make or break the Association. Let us hope it will make it what it can become. The Conference gave great heed to the Foreign Mission work and to the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Board and to Christian Education, showing increasing love and devotion to Elon as its exponent of Christian Education. A feature of the Conference was a series of three papers, to be published in pamphlet form, on the Principles of the Christian Church by that scholarly and devout, yet charitable, defender of our position, Prof. W. P. Lawrence of the College Faculty. Dr. Staley delivered a most powerful address on Christian Education and also preached a most eloquent sermon on Christians' Excuses.

Trustee D. S. Farmer, News Ferry, Va., who is also Treasurer of the Conference, visited Elon on his way from the N. C. and Va. Christian Conference. So did Rev. J. O. Cox, Durham, N. C., and Miss Cora Foster, Semora, N. C., alumni of the College, and devout friends of it.

So many of our people visited the Conference in Greensboro that we have not space to mention all.

Mrs. W. H. Denison, Norfolk, Va., attended the N. C. and Va. Conference and did effective work in her Mission addresses. Many pronounced her Missionary address as the best ever hear from a woman orator. She visited the College also before returning home and expressed herself as pleased with things.

Mr. M. J. W. White, Norfolk, Va., was a pleasant caller at the College and the Orphanage on Friday.

Almost every mail brings the glad word that another minister is to attend the series of lectures on Campbellism by Dr. J. J. Summerbell. The series begin at 3 P. M. on December 4th and close at noon on December 6th. All ministers are invited.

The brick work on the new Men's Dormitory and gymnasium is now completed and the roof is rapidly being constructed. It is pronounced by many as a most handsome structure. It will prove one of our best assets in equipment and service to manhood.

The Orphanage children gave a delightful entertainment Saturday evening in their chapel and realized $17 proceeds. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, who have charge of the farm there, have already arrived, and Rev. E. M. Carter, the new superintendent, will arrive Tuesday. Uncle Jim and Aunt Myrtle are to leave for Waverly the first of December. Our best wishes attend them, and we, with them, bespeak for their successors the same sacrificing spirit on the part of all the brotherhood. The best tribute of respect the church can pay Bro. and Sister Foster is to give a heartier support to their great work than we have ever given. The sure sign of permanent achievement in any enterprise is for it to prosper in a successor's hands, because it shows the work was on a solid basis.

Thanksgiving is to be a happy and joyous occasion. The first event is the entertainment by the little folks that morning, concluded with a brief service by Dr. Atkinson. Then will come the College Thanksgiving Dinner. At night

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Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor.

This depatrment under the direct ion of Young People's General Convention. Frequent news items from Sunday schools, organized classes, and C. E. societies are desired. If you are interested in either or about to organize, address the department's editor,

CHARLES A. HINES, Editor and Cor. Sec., Greensboro, N. C

GETTING EVERYBODY ENROLLED.

Many schools are now adopting the plan of canvassing the community or congregation of their particular churches with a view to getting everybody in reach in the Sunday school. This is not as big a task as it would appear on its face. Get several enlisted in the work and it can be done.

Go about it with a committee to make up a list of everyone in reach of the school who do not attend or does not properly belong to some other school. Then check off those who are members of your school and attend regularly. Have every member of the family visited and use the utmost endeavor to get their names on the regular roll. If this can be done, work to get them in the home, department, mothers' department, cradle roll, or in some way connected with the school.

A committee of twenty can canvass the usual size community in a single afternoon. Impress upon their minds that the next Sunday after the canvass will be a big day in the school. The novelty of the thing will bring a large attendance the next Sunday; it is then up to the teachers and superintendent to see that they are interested sufficiently for them to desire to come back the next Sunday.

WHERE EVERYBODY TOOK PART.

The program for the Christmas service of the First M. E. Sunday school of Everette Mass., contains thirty-three items. Many of them are musical, of course, but there was something for every class and for all ages: recitations, solos, carols by classes, exercises, readings and an address. Yet the program did not seem too long. "It was a new departure for us," says Superintendent A. C. Zimmermann, "to have everyone take part, but the service was very much enjoyed, so the people told us, and it was as much enjoyed by those who took part as by those who listened in the audience."

RELIEF WORK OF ONE CLASS.

The Men's Bible Class of the Evangelical S. S. of Holton, Kansas., with its membership of one hundred, has won favor and made a place for itself in the field in which it operates, by its activity, through its relief committee, in meeting the need of the less fortunate and dependent of the community. No condition of need or distress is ever reported to the class but what it is met at once by help and relief. Special activity is always in evidence during the winter season, as many as thirty homes being gladdened by this one class at Christmas time. The accompanying illustration shows one of two large wagon loads of goods distributed with their good wishes for a Merry Christmas during the last holiday season.

No one other thing has done more to advertise the class; the sympathetic touch always finds a warm response in the hearts of the people. It has fostered and developed a more intense loyalty among the members for every class interest; men always believe strongly in any organization that stands for practical and definite things. It has magnified the spiritual and practical Christianity in a generous sharing of what they have with those who have not, thus commending and attracting to Christ and his teachings those who have not yet felt the warmth and glow of the Christian life and its helpful service.

INTERESTING THE OUTSIDE.

Often there are business or professional men in a village who have not attended Sunday school for many years. Yet they are men of high character, whose example and influence would be of great service to the young people of the school. A general invitation might be disregarded, perhaps not understood to be given seriously. Hence, it will usually be better to ask those persons to give addresses or take other parts in the exercises of some special occasion. Or they may be asked to talk to some class on a particular lesson, or speak at the meeting of one of the clubs. Women of tact and social influence, may be asked to speak to girls' classes and clubs, on various kinds of undertakings best adapted to their organizations, on ideas of womanhood or gracious manners; skillful housewives may be intended to give courses of lessons in domestic economy, cooking, mending, cleaning, etc. When these persons have once contributed to the work of the school, their interest will be aroused, and they can be induced to undertake regular and permanent responsibility.

NOTES ON C. E. TOPIC, DEC. 8.

Subject—"Lesson of the Snow." Job. 38. 1-27.

This should be a meeting in which original thought should be brought from the pleasurable reminiscences of the snow and made to shed light upon a lesson that has many possibilities for spiritual uplift. The illustrations given below are suggestive; they are not meant so much for use, as to suggest other things to the reader. Work them in with an idea of your own.

As children we have watched the beautiful snow flakes fall, first giving the world a mantel of white, then by the following morning have the landscape wrapped in a blanket of several inches thickness. Can you not say something of the beauty, the purity, the usefunless and the sparkling splendor of such scenes.

Every member should have something to say in this meeting. Everyone can, to fail to do so stamps the member as entirely too reticent to praise God for the matchless work he does for his creation.

Thoughts on the Topic.

No one can walk through the snow without leaving tracks, and no one can walk through life without leaving tracks as conspicuous. You can track Abraham by his altars, and the Duke of Alva by his fires in which he had burned the martyrs, and Jesus Christ by the homes He brightened and the hearts he cleansed. What marks are you leaving behind you on your daily walk?

When snow is defiled there is only one way of purifying it. It must be melted and exposed to the sun and air, nature's great purifiers. And there is only one way in which a sullied heart may be purified, and that is the same: it must be melted in repentance, and must let God work His way with it.

Under the snow lie the roses and liles and violets, all seemingly dead. But wait till the snow melts away in the spring, and you will find that they all have been kept safe for you. So under the snow lie the bodies of our dead ones, and they seem gone forever from our sight. But wait till God's springtime!

Even the deepest and coldest snowbank will melt under the rays of the spring sun. So even the coldest heart may be touched and melted if brought under the influence of the divine love.

When the snow melts, it feeds the streams, and fills the wells, and supplies fields, and contributes to the verdure of summer. So when hard, frozen hearts melt, they begin at once to live not for self, but for others.

Falling Flakes.

The snow flake is harmless, but how dangerous is the avalanche.

The snow flake is so innocent, yet mountains are swept clear, and vallies flooded.

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The snow flake has proven man's protection in the far northern-lands.

The snow flake has been the means of many choice pleasures for young people.

The crystal snow flake teaches mere man many beautiful lessons, and is the poets' inspiration.

The snow flake reflects the sun, likewise we should reflect the Son of Righteousness.

The spotless white of the snow flake is emblematic of innocence and purity.

The snow flake is the great white field upon the mountain and contains latent energy that by the warm touch of the Sun's rays becames an active force, and may set in motion the wheels of commerce. Christians likewise possess latent energy.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Don't forget to spell pray occasionally without an "r".

Don't have too many visions lest people come to regard you as visionary.

Don't permit your corps of Sunday school teachers to become corpse of teachers.

Don't issue checks on the bank of heaven except you have a deposit; your paper may be protested.

Don' imagine that it is your business to dance every time the devil begins to tune his fiddle.

Don't humiliate the faithful churchmembers by abusing those who are absent.

Don't discredit yourself in the estimation of others by asserting that you have not sinned for ten years; they know better.

Don't cheat a man in a trade and then ask him to become a Christian.

Don't vote the straight ticket until you have made it straight by scratching the crooked men.

Don't expect promotion if you are doing the least work possible, and stealing five minutes every chance you get.—Religious Telescope.

For Daily Reading.

Mon.,—Its purity ..... Ps. 51:7
Tues.,—Soiled souls ..... Rom. 3:9-18
Wed.,—Its transience .....Job 24:19
Thurs.,—Refreshing coolness Prov.25:13
Fri.,—Its crystals: order .. 1 Cor. 14:33
Sat.,—Instrument of punishment Ps. 148:8
Sun., Dec. 8.—Topic—

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comes the Philologian entertainment, always enjoyable and thoroughly representative of the College. Friday evening the Fall Term Recital of the Music Department. Saturday evening the first annual debate between the Junior and Senior Classes, in which great interest centers.

Miss Annie Watson continues sick of grip, but is reported as improving.

Mr. R. L. Walker and Miss Blanche Burton were pleasant visitors to the Hill Sunday.

The Elon College Glee Club distinguished itself in Greensboro Friday evening when the dramatic talent of the Christian church staged Valley Farm in Neese's Hall. Miss Clements received high praise in the Greensboro papers for her excellent drilling of the characters in the play.

Mrs. Holt, Pittsboro, N. C., sister to Mrs. C. A. Boone, who has been visiting here for several weeks, has returned to her home.

Rev. T. W. Stroud and niece visited the College en route to Conference. Brother Stroud conducted Chapel service and expects to place his niece in College here next fall. He is Elon's loyal friend.

Dr. T. M. Johnosn, Asheboro, N. C., preached a fine sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday and Dr. C. E. Forlines, Westminster, Md., delivered another telling message at the evening service. These distinguished preachers were sent to us by the M. P. Conference in session at Burlington and were heard gladly.

On Monday the M. P. Confedence visited the College in a body, dining in the College Dining Hall, inspecting the College plant, holding a session of their body in our Auditorium, and returning to Burlington on the 4:48 P M. train. We were honored by their visit and record our grateful appreciation.

W. A. H.

MARRIED.

Clem-Pirkey.

At the home of Samuel Rush on Sunday, November 3, 1912, I united in matrimony Mr. Thomas Andrew Clem and Miss Bessie Pirkey. The groom is a member of the church at Whistler's Chapel and the bride a member at Jappa. May their lives be useful, prosperous and happy.

A. W. Andes.

WALKER—EIDDLE.

Edward W. Walker, son of the late la mented Rev. W. T. Walker who was once editor of this paper, led to the marriage altar Miss Ola Maude Siddle, the amiable and accomplished daughter of Mrs. L. D. Siddle. The marriage wasat the bride's mother's, "The Maples" Caswell Co. N. C. at 11 o'clock Nov. 20, 1912. The day was glorious and a happier throng we have not met. The great old country home with its wide spreading lawns, its spacious halls, and ample rooms, was decorated especially as to parlors, halls, marriage altars and dining room, with a profusion of running cedar, smilax, evergreen and luscious roses. It was a sacred scene with all its joy, and one in which art and nature blended to perfect taste and comeliness. The following were the attendants: Miss Grace Bendall with Mr. Tom Yarbrough: Miss Ramie Johnson with Mr. Brachen Watlington: Miss Louise Anderson with Mr. Jno. Covington. The groon came in with Mr. Mawry Statford. The bride was preceded to the altar by Mis Mary Wilson Brown, maid of honor carrying a shower boquet of pink carnations. The bride radiantly beautiful in a blue broad cloth suit with American Beauty trimmings came in on the arm of her brother, Mr, White Siddle who gav her away. Miss Wilson Watlington pre sided at the piano and played Mendelssohn's until the party entered an while the Souvenir marriage ceremony was read by this writer. Before the part entered Miss Catharine Anderson sang. "Because of You" and masters Clyde and Ansel Siddle, brothers of the bride drew the ribbons apart in front of the bridal party. Delicious fruit punch wa served in the hall and dining room b Miss Mendall and by Mrs. B. S. Graves of Yanceyville. After the marriage a two course luncheon was served in th spacious and beautifully decorated and brilliantly lighted dining room. Mor than a hundred covers were laid, and th feast was a delight.

After luncheon and good byes, the bridal party, in several autamobiles, accompanied the bride and groom to Ruffin, N C. where the happy pair boarded the north bound Southern for an extended trip to New York and other points north The presents were costly and numerous and if the pair are not habpy in all th years to come it will not be because aught was lacking on the wedding day to make their beginning auspicious and their marriage brilliant and beautiful.

J. O. Atkinson.

DIED.

Showalter.

Mrs Annie F. Showalter died suddenly Oct. 9, 1912. She was born in Rappahannock Co., Va, May 14, 1845, making her age, 67 years, 4 months and 25 days. Her maiden name was Woodward. She was married to A. J. Showalter, Dec. 20, 1866. She is survived by her husband and five children, viz.: Mrs Alice Long, Chas. F. Ada C. Dr. C. M., and Alberta Florence. She also leaves two brothers to mourn their loss.

Sister Showalter united with the Christian Church at Antioch about 40 years ago, and lived a consistent Christian life, and died in full faith and bright hope of a better life in the great beyond. Her devotion and companionship in the home, her interest in the church and her kindness in the community of Mt. Clinton, where she spent her last years will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held Oct. 11 at Weavers'Mennonite church and interment made in the cemetery near by.

A. W. Andes.

Pritchette.

Mrs Keren A. Pritchette was born August 22, 1851, died November 5, 1912. Age 61 years, 2 mos., and 14 days. She was married to Mr. C. M. Prichette May 12, 1870.

To this union were born nine children, seven of whom are still living, two having died when quite young.

She is survived by her husband Mr. C. M. Pritchette, Altamahaw, N. C. and by one sister, Mrs. M. C. Brande, of Reidsville. N. C., two half sisters Mrs. L. M. Clymer Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. G. W. Wright Liberty, N. C.;two half brothere. Mr. J. H. Isley, Burlington, N. C., and G. W. Isley Wilkesboro, N. C.

She also leaves to mourn their loss seven children—Edgar W, Wilkesboro N. C., Mrs. Vera P. Albright, Atlanta.Ga., Miss Bert L., Atlanta, Ga., Clyde E., Greenville, S. C., Virgil C., of the faculty of the A. and M. College, Raleigh, N. C., Carl. B., Albany, Ga., and Miss Maibelle C. student in Elon College.

Mrs Pritchette joined the Christian Church when very young, was one af the charter members of Berea Church (Alamance)of which she lived a faithful. loyal consistent member until her death. She loved her church and stood by it and all of its enterprises

The funeral service was conducted from Bereas Church by this writer, assisted by Dr. J. O. Atkinson and Rev. J. W. Wellons, and her remains were laid to rest in the Berea cemetery.

May the blessings of God rest upon the bereaved ones, and may His presence fill the vacancy made in the home, church, and community, by the death of this good woman.

J. V. Knight.

Resolutions to the memory of Mr. E. J. Brickhouse, adopted by the Official Board of Memorial Christian Temple, Sunday, November 17th, 1912.

Whereas, It has come to pass that our friend and co-worker, Mr. E. J. Brickhouse, has been called by the wise and loving Heavenly Father, who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind, and:

Whereas, Bro. Brickhouse, was the oldest trustee of the church and a member of the Official Board of the Memorial Temple, and a man of more than usual significance in the city and community, therefore be it;

Resolved, 1st. That it is the sense of the Official Board that our city, and community has been greatly blessed and honored by the ministry of his life and that his going leaves a vacancy that will long be felt and most difficult to fill.

2nd. That the Memorial Christian Temple has lost a faithful and honored friend, an honest conscientious worker, a noble man of whose life, and example we are proud and glad to emulate, a generous and lovable character, and one whos influence we will delight to cherish.

3rd. That we bow in humble submission to the great Sovereign power, and record our gratitude to the Father, that our beloved co-worker, was permitted to serve with us so long a time, and that we also rejoice that he leaves in our midst a family so honored useful and beloved.

4th. That we extend to the family and friends of our deceased friend and co-worker, our profoundest sympathy and sorrow in the darkest hour of their lives, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy sent for publication to The Christian Sun and the Herald of Gospel Liberty, and the same be spread upon the records of the Memorial Christian Temple.

Adopted and signed on behalf of the Official Board of the Memorial Christian Temple,

T. Edwin Baird,
J. J. Pitt,
W. F. White.

Morris.

Drusilla Morris was born Oct. 11, 1843, and on Oct. 15, 1912, was called from labor to reward. Her age was therefore 69 years and 4 days.

Sister Morris was a native of Green County Va., where she united with the Christian Church at old Mt. Union many years ago. For a few years prior to her death she made her home in the neighborhood of Bethel Christian Church living among her children, J. H. Frazier, Mrs. M. A. Doffelemyre, Mrs. Luther Dofflemyre and Mrs. C. T. Kinler. Sister Morris was a very religious woman and enjoyed a sweet fellowship with her Lord. We believe death was to her but the door to a happier and grander life. Funeral services were held at Bethel Oct. 17. The funeral sermon was preached from Isa. 64:6. "We all do fade as a leaf."

W. A. Andes.

Cummings.

Mrs. Laura Cummings was born Oct. 3, 1839 in Salisbury, N. C and died at her home in Gibsonville, N. C. Nov. 1 1912, aged 73 years , and 23 days. Her funeral service was conducted at Sharon E. L. church by her pastor, Rev. C. J. Sox, assisted by Rev. J. W. Patton, and her body laid to rest in the family cemetery, her grave being covered with beautiful flowers.

She was the daughter of Rev. Jno. D. Sheck, one of the founders of the Lutheran church in N. C. and granddaughter of Capt. Jno. Sheppard of Newberry S. C. who attained honors in the Revolutionary War.

On April 5, 1863 she was united in marriage to the late Dr. J. T. F. Cummings, and to their union were born seven children; two died in infancy, one daughter, the wife of Rev. J. W. Patton preceded her several years ago to the spirit land, four daughters are left to mourn their great loss. May the love, grace, and comfort of the gentle Jesus who has called her to Himself rest upon the children and dear ones, so sorely smitten, and reconcile them to the will of the heavenly Father, till they are called to meet her in the home above.

A Friend.

Fulton.

Rev C. H. Fulton aged 68 years died Nov. 3rd, 1912. Mr Fulton had been in declining health for several years, and for the past eight months had been practically confined to his bed. Rev Mr. Fulton was a good neighbor, a patient sufferer, a devoted husband and father and a loyal and true Christian. For about 30 years he was a member of the N. C. and Va. Christian Conference, having been actively engaged in the ministry for about twelve years. His principal field of labor was at Bethlehem church in Rockingham Co., but he was actively engaged in Christian work in Forsyth, Guilford, and Stokes Counties.

August 16th, 1871, was married to Miss Elizabeth Fult of Forsyth Co. Ten children were born to them, seven of whom are still living, viz.—H. G. Fulton, Jr., of Roanoke Va., Messrs. E. E. and L. M. Fulton of Greensboro and Mrs. Fannie Zimmermon of Walnut Cove, Miss Alice Fulton of Greensboro.

A Friend.

Darden.

Whereas, in the wisdom of God, it has seemed well, to remove from earth to a better abode the late Elisha H. Darden, age 82 yrs., and whereas the Franklin Christian Sunday School has lost a faithful and regular attendant, therefore be it resolved,

First, that we commend to this school and all scholars, his example of faithfulness and punctuality in attendance, worthy of being emulated by all of younger years than he.

Second, That while we deplore his absence from among us, yet we will cherish the memory of former association with him and strive to follow the example he left us.

Third, That we extend to his family our love and sympathy in their bereavement and sorrow.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the archives of our Sunday school, a copy be sent to the Christian Sun, and a copy to the family

W. J. Cross,
W. L. Morgan,
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Mrs. W. E. Lindsay, and Mrs. E. W. Neville, Chapel Hill, N. C., 1 box containing clothing, shoes, one jar fruit.

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Mrs. Clendenin, Elon College, N. C., 3 cans fruit.

Mrs, John R. Foster, Burlington, N. C., 2 cans fruit.

Liberty, Va., Christian church, by Miss Elsie Bray, I box containing 18 jars fruit and dried apples.

My Dear Children and Friends:-

Here is a fine report. We hope for a few weeks just like this one and then you will have a splendid Institution of 52 or more inmates with no debt. We are glad to report nice sale of cotton, there will he some more yellow cotton which we will sell in the seed. We are delighted that so many churches are sending in Thanksgiving Offerings early, this enables us to pay outstanding hills. Since last report we have paid off the "overdraft" of $360.00. We beg you now to take a liberal Thanksgiving Offering and send in at once. Do your hest for us, so that the church at large and the Orphanage Family may rejoice together in the giving and in the receiving!

Your for work,
Uncle Jim.

Holland, Va.,
Novemher 18, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

How are you and the cousins getting on now? I am having chills so I couldn't go to school today. I hope I won't have any more. I like to go to school fine. I have to walk 2 miles, hut I don't mind that. Enclosed find 20 cents for Harvey and 10 for me.

Love to all,
Elizabeth J. Vincent.

Chills are not nice Elizabeth and I'd hurry to send them away. You do have a long way to go to school. Most little girls would not be so brave as you are.

Mt. Clinton, Va.,
Novemher 18, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed find a dime for the Orphanage. I was glad to see The Corner filled and so many donations in last week's Sun. I hope the donation from Antioch will reach you hy Thanksgiving, anyway. I am sorry you are not going to stay there and help to enjoy those good things.

Fondly your nephew,
Ewell J. Argenhright.

Well, we will be glad for the others Ewell. Guess your donations will reach us by Thanksgiving.

Semora, N. C.,
Novemher 18, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

As I didn't write last month I will send my dues for Octoher and Novemher.

Uncle Jim, we are sorry you have left us down here. I wish it had heen so you could have come to see us again.

Enclosed 20 cts., love to all.

Your nephew,
Walter Marion Scott, Jr.

Sorry, too, little man, but couldn't help it. I hope to see you again some time. Be faithful to the Corner.

Haw River, N. C.,
November 16, 1912

Dear Uncle Jim:

I was three years old last Saturday, and had intended writing you on my birthday, but daddy was so very sick with pneumonia there wasn't any time for writing. I call myself sweet little girl, and sing for the doctor when he comes to see daddy and he gives me chewing gum, which I enjoy very much. As this will be my last letter to Uncle Jim I will send you my dues for Septemher, Octoher, and Novemher., and will bid you a loving good bye.

Lovingly,
Lillie Thomas.

Dendron, Va.,
November 18, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I have heen very husy in school and in music and other school works.

I haven't had any time to write, but I am going to continue to write to you and the cousins.

I had a very pleasant summer and I hope you and the little cousins did too.

I am very sorry that you are going to leave the little cousins. But I guess you are going to move to Waverly and you can come to Dendron oftener than you have been. But I hope I will like Mr. Carter and the little cousins will to.

With love to you and the little cousins.

Your friend,

Nancy E. Barrette.

Enclose you will find fifty-five cents.

I am sure you will, Nancy. Be sure to encourage Mr. Carter's heart by writing and getting your little friends to write.

Dear Uncle Jim:

My little brother and myself send ten cents each to you as our Thanksgiving offering for the orphans, and also my little friend sends five cents. We like to read the letters of the children in The Christian Sun. Wish more children would write for this department. We wish for the orphans a happy Thanksgiving. We know they must regret for you to leave them, Uncle Jim:

Hoping to be able to send more later on and trusting that all the children will remember the orphans this Thanksgiving.

We are very respectfully yours,

Mabel Hughes,

Johnnie Hughes,

Leslie Cockrell.

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STAGG.

Toward the dawning of the day, Wednesday, October 23, 1912, the spirit of little Leon. W. Stagg, Jr., took its flight from its earthly home to the heavenly home. Leon was the only son, a bright and beautiful child, of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stagg, 221 Willoughby Ave., Norfolk, Va. The blow is so heavy, for the child was ill but a few hours, but Christian grace and strength have been given to the parents by the Heavenly Father and they have borne so heroically the heavy crushing blow. Leon was five years old last July and was the joy of that home from which an only daughter, Hannah, some years ago was taken when but a little more than one year old.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Oakland Christian church and sorrowing friends laid the little form beside that of sister. Services were conducted by the writer.

Warren H. Dennison.

Norfolk, Va., October 26, 1912.

Clem.

Ashford Clem of Powell's Fort died suddenly October 22, 1912. He was born Feb. 28, 1836. At the age of 76 years, 7 months, and 24 days he was called from earthly scenes to heavenly glories. He was converted under the preaching of Rev. J. W. Dofflemyre, and united with the Joppa Christian Church about 25 years ago. Bro. Clem was one of these quiet, good natured men who simply let their religion speak for itself. He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife, six sons and one daughter. He was the father of Rev. H. Russel Clem of Springfield, Ohio, who is favorably known among our people. The family have the sympathy of a host of friends. The funeral services were held at Joppa, Oct. 25, 1912.

A. W. Andes.

Walton.

The queen that sits upon the throne of home, crowned and separated as none other ever can be, is—mother.

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Her memory is sacred while she lives and becomes a perpetual inspiration, even when the bright flowers bloom over her sleeping dust. Truly, this can be said of our dear departed friend and member, Mrs. Ida Walton, the beloved wife of Brother S. H. Walton.

As a member of the Ladies' Benevolent and Social Union she was true and faithful, wearing worthily the name and exemplifying in her life the characteristic virtues for which it stands. It can be said of her, "She hath done what she could."

Feeling the loss of so good a woman to the home, the church, the community and the society, therefore be it:

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the loss of our sister, recognizing her value in the home where her influence ripened into a glorious fruition in the moulding and the shaping of the characters of her children; in the community as a channel of blessing to all who came in touch with her life; in the church where she exalted the Christ in her daily walk and conversation; and in the society where her modest charms and character were a benediction to the entire membership.

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to Him who knows best and never makes any mistakes, and in this providence of his will, let us with a confident faith say, "Lord, not ours, but thy will be done."

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our sympathy and love and commend them to the compassionate Christ who knows all about our sorrows and is acquainted with our griefs.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Union and a copy sent to the family, and to the Christian Sun and Suffolk Herald.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. J. Kendrick,
Mrs. C. B. Duke,
Mrs. A. A. Turner, Com.

Clem.

Jane Elizabeth Clem was born July 18, 1853, departed this life Sept. 29, 1912, aged 59 years, 2 months, and 11 days. On Aug. 1873 she was united in marriage to John K. Clem who survives her. Her death is also mourned by a son, 3 daughters, 3 half-brothers, and 1 half-sister,—2 sisters being gone before her.

Sister Clem was a consistent member of Joppa Christian Church for many years and died the death of the righteous. In her death the home loses a devoted wife and mother, the church a faithful member, and the community a kind neighbor.

Funeral services were conducted at Joppa, Sept. 30.

A. W. Andes.

Harden.

Sister T. R. Harden departed this life at her home near Graham, N. C., on October 24, 1912. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, a mother, and three children—two girls and one boy—and a host of friends. The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the home, and the remains were buried at Graham cemetery. Sister Harden has been a member of Greensboro Christian church for several years, and impressed all who knew her as being a loyal Christian The splendid life she lived was evidenced by he many friends who gathered at the funeral to pay the last tribute of respect to one they loved.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved husband, and mother, and children, and commend them to a Heaven ly Father's love and keeping.

J. F. Morgan.

WINCHESTER LETTER.

Our revival services at Timber Ridge began the 6th and closed the 13th. Rev. C. H. Rowland of Franklin, Va. did all the preaching. Brother Rowland is an earnest speaker and his strong spiritual sermons made a deep impression on those who heard him. The church was revived and three confessed faith in Christ and joined the church.

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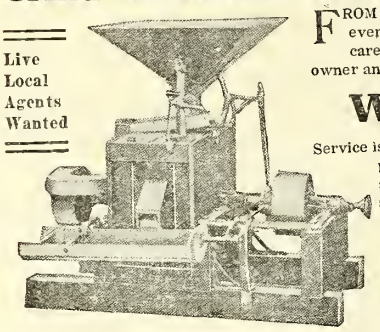

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W. T. Walters.

Winchester, Va. Nov. 19,1912.

VALLEY LETTER.

The revival season is in full force with us here. I have held meetings at Palmyra and Antioch, and am now engaged in a meeting at Linville. The meeting at Palmyra resulted in five conversions and six additions to the church. At Antioch we had thirteen conversions and eight additions to the church.

Some interest is being manifested in the meeting at Linville although there has been but one conversion to date.

I am kept right busy now, preaching almost every night, and doing pastoral visiting during the day.

In addition to my meetings I am keeping up most of mySunday appointments, often necessitating a good deal of night driving. I am not complaining because of the hardness of the way. Rather would I give praise to God for the opportunities of service I enjoy, and for the physical strength to endure hardness as a good soldier. Some people who do not know any better think a preacher has the easiest time of any body in the world. All I have to say is, let him try it in real earnest.. And yet I would not trade professions with any man.

We are expecting Rev. C. F. Hook from Middleburg, N. Y. to arrive in a few days to take work in the conference. Several of our churches have been without a pastor since Rev. H. E. Truitt left in August.

A. W. Andes.

Harrisburg, Va. Nov. 16, 1912.

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